



**DYKE LANDWARD  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## Dyke Landward Community Council

**Draft Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm  
Dyke Church Hall**



Attendees: DLCC		Attendees: Other
Owen Taylor	<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Kathleen Robertson - <i>Councillor</i>
Nikki Morrison	<i>Media</i>	Paul McBain - <i>Councillor</i>
Sheena Tulloch (ST)	<i>Minutes Sec.</i>	
Jackie Davidson (JD)	<i>Secretary</i>	
Janet Grant (JG)	<i>Treasurer</i>	
Callum Ross	<i>Media</i>	

Apologies:	
Apologies were received from Caroline McLeod	

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b> OT welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Police Update &amp; Community Safety Reports</b> No recent update	<b>For info</b>
3.	<b>Public</b> No members of the public attended the meeting.	<b>For info</b>
4.	<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b> The draft minutes of 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 had previously been circulated. Proposed: JG Seconded: CR	<b>For info</b>
5.	<b>a) Bank Account Progress</b> A business account has now been opened with the Bank of Scotland. There has to be a debit card associated with the account and this has been put in ST's name. JG gave ST all necessary paperwork. RBS has been slow at closing the account, but has now notified that a letter must be written with the signatories signing it saying we are closing the account.	<b>For info</b>
	<b>b) Social Media/Whatsapp Update</b> CR reported that a message had been received from LS inviting DLCC to join the Forres Area Forum. CR has done this. KR explained that FAF is the community's group and reports to the community planning board. It also reports to the Moray Area Forum. DLCC can join the mailing list and will receive info from TSI etc. Different speakers, eg police are invited to talk at meetings. CR and NM will continue to share anything relevant on the FB page.	<b>CR NM</b>
	<b>c) Defib Broom of Moy Update</b> JD hasn't received a reply yet about the cost of installation. Kieran's Legacy are struggling to get the same type of defibrillator. JD will contact them again at the end of March.	<b>JD</b>
	<b>d) School Play Equipment Update</b>	

	ST handed over the cheque for £200 to MI the chair of Dyke Parent Council and asked her to contact Gary at the Gazette about the press release. ST also asked if receipt of the cheque could be acknowledged by letter. ST will contact MI again to remind her of this.	<b>ST</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> <b>Current total in bank:</b> £5789.01 <b>Reserve Fund:</b> £5408.10 <b>Working Fund:</b> £380.91 – this includes grant from MC	<b>For info</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Reports</b> <b>Local Councillors -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KR reported that the council tax rise will be 10% which is the highest rise in Scotland, but the aim is to get to CPI+1% in future years.</li> <li>• Welfare summit took place which included representatives from local estates, fire service, police, the renewable sector and councillors, who explored lessons learned after last year's wildfires. Cairngorm National Park has introduced a new by-law which enables members of the public to challenge and report people setting fires within the park area. The government is going to make the by-law process easier. MC is the only local authority doing anything positive about this so far.</li> <li>• The Moray flag, which was designed by Aila Gibson of Dallas, has been adopted.</li> <li>• MC did not agree the extra bank holiday for the World Cup.</li> <li>• Forres Academy – there are two more hurdles to cross – the final business plan and consultation will be reported in May and the ruling on the Common Good land is due on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026. All being well work will start in June/July 2026.</li> <li>• The Buckie Harbour masterplan has been signed off.</li> <li>• Planning applications from charities can receive 50% towards planning fee via community councils.</li> <li>• PM commented that reserves have not been used for the second year running. There are different people in the senior council jobs.</li> <li>• MC has over 6000 properties and have to consult on them every year. Only 90 people replied to the consultation which makes up 1 1/2 %.</li> <li>• A whole day planning meeting will take place about a quarry on Monday.</li> <li>• £2 bus fares will be trialled in Hi-trans areas only.</li> </ul>	<b>For info</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Moray FLOW-Park Update</b> The proposed Moray FLOW-park was debated at the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 during a Members' debate. People from the local area travelled by bus to Edinburgh to protest outside parliament and meet with MSPs. The conclusion was that the debate reflected clear cross-party concern regarding environmental assessment, consultation, funding transparency and process integrity in relation to the proposal. MSPs from across emphasised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental assessment must be rigorous</li> </ul>	<b>For info</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation must be meaningful and demonstrable</li> <li>• Public funding decisions must be transparent</li> <li>• The process must be fair and be seen to be fair</li> </ul> <p>The full Official Report transcript is available via the Scottish Parliament website. There was a well attended gathering on Findhorn Beach on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. These gatherings are to be repeated in the coming months.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Planning Issues</b></p> <p>Dyke – one to extend planning consent and one to change design. This was noted and there are no objections to this.</p>	<b>For info</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>JD had issued correspondence to members prior to the meeting.</p>	<b>For info</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>ST asked about the MConnect bus service as she had been approached about a local who struggles to get to Forres. PM explained that it is a demand service for DLCC area and journeys need to be booked by the day before and can be made via the MConnect app. ST will pass on this information.</p> <p>CR asked how the programme of work on cemeteries is to be funded if extra jobs are created to do this. This programme has arisen as a result of new legislation on the safety of stones. PM will find out and get back to CR. KR will send the update on the Burial and Cemeteries Scotland Act 2016.</p> <p>CR also asked about the progress regarding the non-resident fee. PM reported that this has not gained support at council and cannot be brought forward again for 6 months.</p> <p>JD reminded members that there is planning training on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.</p>	<b>ST</b>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of the next meeting</b></p> <p>It was decided not to meet in April as several members of committee are not available. This will be reviewed if any urgent matter arises. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.30pm in Dyke Church Hall.</p>	<b>For info</b>

**Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm**